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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Vahan AVETISIAN et al.

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For: "Overmolded Body for Pyrotechnic Initiator and Method of Molding Same"

Group Art Unit: 3641

Examiner: Harold Jay TUDOR

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2/3/03**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 3, 2002,
please amend the claims of the present application as follows:

Please cancel claims 21 and 23.

Please amend claims 1, 5, 8, 13, 16, and 22 as follows:

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1. (Twice amended) An automotive pyrotechnic initiator, comprising:
- a) an initiator subassembly including a can loaded with a pyrotechnic charge, and a header assembly having a connector end; and,
 - b) a molded, integral, unitary electrically-nonconductive overmolded body connected to and surrounding substantially all of said initiator subassembly except for an exposed portion of said connector end, wherein said body provides structural support and installation orientation features.
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5. (Twice amended) The initiator of claim 4, wherein said body and said electrode pins together form a serviceable or non-serviceable integral automotive airbag initiator connector.